

# Fugitive Confesses 15 Bay Burglaries

Robert Luty, 18, described by police as an escapee from the Sonoma State Home, was lodged in the City Jail today following his confession to police that he had committed approximately 15 burglaries in Oakland and two in Emeryville in the last two months.

Inspectors Arthur T. Boyson and Jack Baker, who took Luty's confession following his arrest on Upper Broadway early today, said they had recovered a .38 caliber revolver stolen from an Emeryville plant.

The police inspectors said Luty's loot will run into "several thousand dollars" and that he dealt only in cash and currency. Luty is also being held for questioning by Berkeley police where he was reported to have committed several burglaries.

# YOUTH CONFESSES LOCAL BURGLARIES

Fifteen Oakland burglaries and two in Emeryville were believed cleared up today with a confession from Robert Luty, 18, reported to have escaped from the Sonoma State Home, police declared.

Luty was arrested late yesterday in the vicinity of 2941 Broadway by Patrolmen George P. Pereira and O. Jenkins.

Police Inspectors Arthur T. Boyson and Jack Baker said the youth admitted looting Oakland business establishments on Broadway. Berkeley police say he may have been responsible for several burglaries in that city.

# 18-Year-Old Pleads Guilty of Burglary

Robert Luty, 18, pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary before Police Judge Edward J. Smith yesterday and was certified to the Alameda County Superior Court for sentence.

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# Escapee Trapped In Burglary Try

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An escapee from a California Youth Authority camp in Mendocino County with a long record of arrests here was trapped by police early today while trying to break open a wall safe in a warehouse at 959 Grace Street.

Robert L. Luty, 23, was booked for investigation of burglary after being seen in the Fuller Brush Company plant by Special Patrolman Ted Turnside who phoned police.

Luty, who escaped from the CYA camp on May 21 where he was serving a term for an Alameda County burglary, said he has been working as a dairyman in Marin County for the past week.

# Warehouse Burglar Found Sane, Guilty

Robert Luty, 22, Piedmont dairy worker, charged with burglary, was found to be sane at the time of the offense after a hearing by Superior Judge O. D. Hamlin Jr., yesterday.

The court also found Luty guilty of second degree burglary and when the defendant asked probation, September 27 was set for report of the probation officer and sentence.

Luty, who gives his address as 106 Olive Avenue, Piedmont, was arrested June 29 on a charge of breaking into the Fuller Brush warehouse at 959 Grace Avenue, Oakland. The handle had been broken off the office safe and the dial damaged. As a juvenile, Luty was committed to the California Youth Authority in 1947 for burglary.

# Burglar Gets Prison Term

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A five to 15-year term in San Quentin has been imposed on Robert Luty, 22, San Rafael dairy worker, who burglarized the Fuller Brush warehouse at 959 Grace Avenue, Oakland, on July 18.

Sentence was imposed yesterday by Superior Judge O. D. Hamlin Jr., who on September 13, found the youth guilty and "sane at the time of the burglary." Luty was committed to the California Youth Authority in 1947 on a burglary charge.

Police said Luty entered the warehouse through a broken window, broke the handle off the safe, and damaged the dial.

# Alameda County Jail Breaker Denied Parole at San Quentin

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Aron Benevides, 27-year-old San Quentin felon who in 1949 made a spectacular escape from the Alameda County Jail, will serve five more years of his sentence, in addition to the three years he already has spent in prison unless he is paroled earlier.

His companion in the escape through an open airshaft, Henry Limon, 25, convicted robber, did not fare so well at the hands of the California Adult Authority.

Action fixing Limon's term was postponed one year and his automatic parole application, like that of Benevides', was denied in the hearings last week.

Benevides, who was convicted of manslaughter arising from the fatal knifing of Mike Garcia, 25, of 711 Grove Street, on March 19, 1949, was given consecutive prison terms of six and three years. The total of nine years is to include a concurrent three-year term for prior records and the escape.

The authority fixed terms for four other San Quentin inmates, giving Robert Luty, Alameda County burglar, a five-year term and denying parole action; Clinton Houlden, Contra Costa bad checks convict, five years and denial of parole; and L. B. Hill, Alameda County burglar, four year term with the last two years and three months on parole; and Charles Romance, Alameda County forger, term fixed at 26 months.

Parole applications were denied and action postponed one

year in the cases of Tom Senkevich, burglar; Pat Peralta, assault with intent to commit murder; and Arthur Marchesani, burglar, all of Alameda County.

# Suspect in 'At Least' 60 Burglaries Is Captured

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EMERYVILLE, Oct. 5.—An ex-convict wanted by four Oakland area police departments for "at least" 60 burglaries in the past six weeks is in custody here today.

The suspect, Robert Luty, 26, an itinerant with a San Quentin and Sonoma State Hospital record, was arrested shortly after

midnight as he alighted from a Key System train at 40th and Hollis Streets.

Police Chief Frank Farina said that Luty has "not denied" the 28 burglaries he's been questioned on so far.

Oakland Police Lt. Walter Hawkinson said that his department has been seeking Luty for at least 10 burglaries. He said

Luty is suspected of burglarizing the Cyclone Fence Company at 954 60th St., Oakland, at least six times.

According to Hawkinson, Luty is connected to the jobs by the strict pattern he follows for breaking and entering.

Hawkinson said Luty had failed to appear during "stake-outs" at various firms involving at least seven officers at a time on several occasions.

Hawkinson added that Oakland holds three warrants for Luty's arrest—all charging burglary. They are for burglaries at the S. T. Johnson Oil Company at 925 Stanforrd Ave.; Hobbs Battery Company at 1000 42nd St., and the Cyclone Fence Company, all in Oakland.

Berkeley police said they want Luty for questioning in connection with the burglary of McGill's Bakery at 915 Ashby Ave., and several others.

Piedmont officers said that Luty will be questioned by their burglary detail also for a series of house thefts. Albany police said they would "probably" also interrogate him.

Luty is known in police files as Robert (The Looter) Luty.

Luty was spotted as he got off the train by Patrolman James Gunari, cruising by in a patrol car.



# Ex-Convict Pleads Guilty to Burglary

Robert (The Looter) Luty — arrested at gunpoint by an alert Emeryville patrolman — entered a plea of guilty to two counts of burglary today and Oakland Municipal Judge James S. Blaine ordered him certified to superior court for sentencing.

Luty, 26, was nabbed by Emeryville officer James Gunari early Tuesday morning as he stepped off a San Francisco Bay Bridge train at 40th and Hollis Streets. Gunari recognized Luty, sought for some 60 Oakland area burglaries, although the ex-convict had grown a mustache to confuse officers. He had eluded capture numerous times recently.

In a struggle with Luty, Gunari drew his gun and held the man until officers Harvey Owen and James Wilson arrived.

# Man Suspected of Sixty Burglaries Gets 5-10 Years

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Robert (The Looter) Luty, 26-year-old ex-convict itinerant said by police to have committed 60 burglaries in the East-bay, today was sentenced to a 5 to 10-year term in San Quentin by Superior Judge James R. Agee.

Arrested Oct. 5 as he stepped off a train in Emeryville, Luty pleaded guilty to two burglaries Oct. 7. He was charged with the Oct. 4 burglary of \$50 from the Cyclone Fence Co., 954 60th St. and with the Sept. 20 burglary of an undetermined amount from the S. T. Johnson Oil Co., 955 Stanford Ave.

# Judge Sends

## Inept Burglar

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## Back to Cell

Berkeley's "bungling burglar" who twice hit a paint-glass plant, leaving his fingerprints on smashed window panes and getting only \$8.60 in loot, has been sent back to San Quentin.

Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle listened out the arguments of Public Defender Martin Pulich and asked:

"What is your point? That a bungling burglar should get more consideration than an efficient one?"

Pulich argued that the accused, Robert Luty, 33, of 721 Carmel Ave., Albany, had obtained the money on a May 19 foray at the Pittsburgh Paint & Glass Co. at 742 Grayson St., Berkeley, by rifling the canteen cigarette machine. And then had returned by the same route—a smashed side window—on May 26 to find that money was removed nightly from the machine. He did \$35.22 damage to the machine in prying it open.

Luty, a dishwasher, has three prior convictions for burglary, all of the botched jobs with a minimum return in loot.

"This man not only is inefficient but has been a constant police problem," said the judge in pronouncing a 1 to 15 year second degree burglary sentence.